

REV. ERASTUS LATHROP.

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APRIL 11, 1884.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 3889.]

*The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3889) for the relief of Rev. Erastus Lathrop, of Jonesborough, Ill., report as follows :*

The facts in this case, briefly stated, are as follows: On the 17th day of February, 1865, the claimant was commissioned by Hon. Oliver P. Morton, then governor of the State of Indiana, as a chaplain of the Sixteenth Regiment of Indiana Infantry Volunteers. He immediately joined his regiment and reported for duty, and served with it until June 30, 1865, the date of the muster out of said regiment. Claimant failed to be mustered, for the reason assigned by the mustering officer, that the regiment did not have a sufficient number of men to entitle it to a chaplain.

The act of July 22, 1861, provides, that each regiment shall be allowed one chaplain, and nothing is said about the numerical strength of regiments.

This claimant having been commissioned by the governor of Indiana a chaplain, and as such rendered service from February 17, 1865, to June 30, 1865, and for which he has not been paid, the committee can see no good reason why he should not receive the pay withheld as before stated.

The committee report back the bill and recommend its passage.

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